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New Policy on Coal Swapping
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to announce a new policy on coal swapping;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is targeting a total investment of US$12 trillion in power sector in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a) & (b) : The Government has already started the process to implement the scheme for flexibility in utilization of domestic coal amongst various generating stations which would reduce cost of power generation. Under the scheme, the Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of each individual coal linkage as per Fuel Supply Agreement, to be aggregated as consolidated ACQ for each State and Company owning Central generating stations instead of individual generating station. The State/Central Gencos would have flexibility to utilize their coal in most efficient and cost effective manner in their own power plants as well as by transferring coal to other State/Central Gencos Power plants for generation of cheaper power.
(c) : The Government is making efforts to provide for the coal, power & renewable sectors a possible investment opportunity of about $ 250 billion during five-year period between 2015 to 2020. When extrapolated to a 15 year programme until 2030, the coal, power and renewable sector alone provides $1 trillion opportunity. This investment by 2030 is in area like transmission, opening of new mines, to bring technology into the coal sector, push towards energy efficiency, to bring in new coal generating plants which will be environmentally superior plants, to make distribution sector profitable business for the state discoms.

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